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Sammamish City Council Members,

I am writing in support of the attached petition for action. 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.

It is imperative that all housing options be considered. Right now there are so few housing options available that people are unable to either purchase here during their early lives or stay here as they progress through various stages of their lives that is unless they are part of the privileged elite. In the era of black lives matter where we are seeing a long overdue cultural shift Sammamish has in effect weaponized zoning to exclude all but top wage earners. If you need evidence to back this up just take a look at this article [The Seattle Times reports that Sammamish is the nation's richest city. Its median household income of \\$183,000 even beats San Francisco.](#)

As a full time real estate broker on the Eastside with nearly 40 years experience I have seen the progression of fair housing implementation and the replacement of red-lining with weaponized zoning. I would not go as far as to say that Sammamish zoning policy has deliberately discriminated but Sammamish zoning regulations have discriminated so in the end does it really matter?

My request is that you take a long hard look at housing options to create a mix of housing that isn't just a place to raise your kids then get out because that is the reputation Sammamish now has. My wife and I have lived here over 25 years, we raised our 4 kids here and we do not plan on leaving but we understand the motivation of many of our nearly life long friends that retire and leave simply because there are no housing options here suitable to their present stage of life. I have also attached my public comment from 6/23/2020
Thank you for your consideration.

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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

Written Public Comment for the 6.23.20 City Council Meeting.

Sammamish City Council Members:

In this evening's Agenda, Council is looking at changes to the Comprehensive Plan. It is imperative the City obtain essential data to contrast the consequences of future changes.

I have read Enrich & Sustain as well as written comments for council meetings. The things that caught my attention and are important to me are the effects informed decisions will have on future housing options, both in the near term and for generations to come.

I am a real estate broker serving Sammamish residents from LONG before Sammamish became a city through today. What I have seen over the years, and is still continuing today, is an exodus of long time Sammamish residents. Simply, there are not acceptable housing options to stay here to age in place or meet unforeseen circumstances during one's lifetime.

Sammamish has developed a reputation of being a great place to raise a family then get out. This is unfortunate, especially in light of our first comp plan of 2003, and our current comp plan adopted in 2015, both recognizing the need for housing diversity and options.

Things to consider are a healthy mix of housing choices so that our residents have options to stay in Sammamish as well as affordable housing options so that we can attract the next generation who in many instances simply can't afford to live in the community where they were raised.

What I am specifically requesting is that all growth options be adequately informed. Then, give careful consideration to the housing supply decisions you make so they best serve our community housing wants and needs now, and sustainably long into the future.

Thank You,

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