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Hi Jenny,

Jennifer kindly provided you as a contact for Planning Commission. I'd like to ask you to please submit this letter to the Planning Commission during Public Comments this evening and have the Planning Commission chairperson read it into the record.

In the Comprehensive Plan, there is a section with the following language:

- "point 20 - Policy CFP-6.1 Encourage conversion from on-site wastewater disposal systems as sewer lines become available."

I'd like to ask the Planning Commission to change the wording and intent in this section from "encourage" to "allow" for the following reasons:

- I do not believe it is the responsibility of the City or of the Woodinville Water District to force residents onto sewer in order to help a company become more profitable.
- There are hundreds of households in the rural areas of Woodinville where septic systems have been used safely for years. No change to these systems should be forced unless the system itself is damaged beyond repair.
- Many of the citizens of Woodinville are retired and living on fixed incomes. Requiring the fees associated with changing from septic to sewer—as much as \$50K per household, from quotes I've heard—could literally force an older couple out of their homes. I don't think the City intends this to be a consequence of their actions but unless this language is changed, it could happen. I don't think any of the Commissioners wants this added to your legacy.
- With all the news on damage caused by sewer line failures, sink holes, landslides and other catastrophes caused as sewer lines are installed, inadvertently causing environmental harm as the result of a forced conversion is another outcome for which I don't think the Planning Commission or the City wants to be remembered—please take action in this change to ensure that doesn't happen.

Thanking you in advance for your help to correct this.

Warm Regards,
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