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From: A. J. <aj@fastmail.org>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Nicole Gaudette
Subject: 2750 77th Ave SE & 2885 78th Ave SE

Hi Nicole,

I am adamantly opposed to allowing this T 2750 77th Ave SE & 2885 78th Ave SE to proceed as is. While the retail/office space might be acceptable the # of planned residences is ludicrous. I oppose allowing this development to proceed for the following reasons:

1) Impact to the water and sewer plant-

How can the water and sewer infrastructure cope with 164 new homes? Each with maybe 2 occupants? I see no mention in the plans of a large impact fee or improvements in the water & sewer on Mercer Island to accommodate this expansion. And it is doubtful any such assessment would be sufficient to increase capacity enough to offset the added residents.

2) Impact to the Fire department-

MIFD is already stretched thin and it is highly dubious the tax revenue from this project will be enough to pay for personnel and equipment. The same applies for police and other emergency services.

3) Impact to the culture of Mercer Island-

One of the things we love most about Mercer Island is the small town feeling of community. People tend to live here for a long time and we plan to do the same. Apartments and condos tend to be occupied by more short term residents. While I am supportive of some level of apartments/condos on the island there are enough options available already. There are almost 100 available units on craigslist already

- https://seattle.craigslist.org/search/apa?availabilityMode=0&housing_type=1&housing_type=2&sale_date=all+dates

Do we really need to double that number?

I would like to ensure my opinion is taken seriously. Please do let me know if there is anything I can do to be more effective.

Thanks,

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