

## December 8, 2021 Bellevue Planning Commission Oral Comments

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Good evening Chair Malakoutian and Planning Commission members,

My name is Scott Lampe. I am speaking tonight regarding Item 21-784, Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments. I am the Board President at Bayside Place Condominiums which is located immediately south of the Chimneys Condominiums which is the property under discussion for a possible rezone.

Our community supports the comments provided by the Lochleven Community Association, which we are a part of. We agree this property does not merit consideration for rezoning.

We believe this property should be maintained as residential as provided in the existing R-30 zoning. With available housing a growing challenge in the city, any use of this property for any use other than residential further exacerbates this problem.

Traffic is another issue of growing importance in this area. Growth of traffic over the past two years, both vehicular and pedestrian, due to the completion of Inspiration Playground at Downtown Park as well as the Meydenbauer Bay Park, will necessitate the undertaking of a full traffic study to ensure adequate capacity and safety exist, particularly on NE 1<sup>st</sup> St which is on the south side of the Chimneys property and is appropriately a low volume residential street. Growing pedestrian traffic since the opening of these two park areas highlight the need for pedestrian safety as well as the need to minimize additional vehicular traffic.

One other consideration I would like to point out is the recency of completion of the update to the NW Bellevue Comprehensive Plan. No zoning changes were recommended, including for the area under consideration, and we strongly agree with this outcome, which resulted from an extensive public process.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you regarding this application and ask that you consider all of the comments respectfully made as you deliberate on this matter. And thanks to all of you for your service to our wonderful city.