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Subject: Violence in Seattle - is it coming to the Eastside?
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To the Bellevue Planning Commission:

[Man charged in random Seattle attack of woman at light rail station – KIRO 7 News Seattle](#)
[Homeless career criminal repeatedly throws nurse, 62, down the stairs at Seattle light rail station \(dailymail.co.uk\)](#)

[Rantz: Prolific offender accused in brutal assault; media ignores that the suspect is homeless - MyNorthwest.com](#)

[Amazon is temporarily relocating employees from its downtown Seattle office, following a rise in violent crime - NEWS BRIG](#)

Please watch the video of the attack in full screen. It is vital that all politicians in this area see it.

Summary

As soon as the first similar incident occurs in Bellevue / Redmond / Kirkland the political landscape for those who have championed Health Through Housing initiatives will change dramatically. And it will only take one incident to set this change in motion.

I and others will work tirelessly for those politicians who have shown concern for the citizens being affected by the major social experiments WA and King County are conducting with insufficient care for and input from these citizens.

And we will work just as tirelessly to ensure that any politicians who championed HTH efforts without thinking through safeguards and without hearing the voices of citizens are voted out as quickly as possible.

Background

Bellevue is about to put 200+ homeless people in hotels near schools, businesses, and homes. Just to use two examples: La Quinta Inn is 30 feet away from Eastside Prep and Silver Cloud is 200 feet away from a KinderCare.

Unless things have changed it remains my understanding that the hotel residents will be chronically homeless single people suffering from drug and / or alcohol issues, no barrier to

entry, and as long as 15% of these clients are from "the area" the projects will be meeting their goals. Bellevue will also be essentially getting rid of single-family zoning to allow transitional housing projects in single family areas.

Perhaps this will go well, and more people will have shelter while the crime rates in Bellevue / Redmond / Kirkland do not go up. I have not seen any data from other similar efforts to support this outcome; in fact, studies support the opposite. And to my knowledge, there hasn't been any real work done yet to define tripwires for community safety, get citizens involved with setting them, and ensure that management service providers will be capable of meeting safety requirements.

It is a rational bet supported by data that when you add a large population of chronically homeless, unemployed, mentally ill people (mostly men) suffering from addiction into neighborhoods you will see an uptick in petty crime (for money), and random violent crimes as well.

I don't know what to do next, but I am happy to help in any way I can to ensure that our lovely communities do not follow Seattle down the drain.

Thanks,

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