## **Christi Schmidt**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Glenn Noller <glenn@holadayparks.com> Monday, May 13, 2019 4:54 PM Christi Schmidt The Farm at Mill Creek Public Hearing

Hello, wondering when "The Farm" will start development and will there be any restaurants, pubs or grocery stores?

Thanks

Glenn Noller Holaday-Parks

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Gina Pfister Wednesday, May 22, 2019 8:59 AM Christi Schmidt FW: Comments on the Farm Development

See below.

Is there a public hearing tomorrow?



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I will be unable to attend Thursday's public hearing but I wanted to pass on my feedback.

I'm concerned that much of the complaints I hear mentioned about the development are outside the city's purview or refer to problems that would be worsened if the development was not approved.

People mention overcrowding in schools, but the city does not manage Everett School district's budget or how they accommodate a growing number of students. Denser structures provide more tax revenue in a smaller space and the State provides per pupil funding. If I'm not mistaken new teachers would be eligible for Workforce housing for the first three years or so until their salary exceeds the workforce housing cap.

People are concerned about traffic, but if people didn't live in The Farm, they would be commuting from farther out putting more stress on more roads and less likely to use traffic.

People are concerned about the impact to the wetlands, but a small number of larger developments with more remediation is better than a large number of small developments filling every spare lot with single family homes.

People are concerned about crime with no evidence to back up that assertion. Like people who have watched too many 80's movies, they're imagining an area where people would be afraid to go, where the police have a hostile relationship with the community. Not only has crime dropped substantially since the 1980s, The Farm isn't designed for very low income people, just modest income people who have been priced out by our crazy real estate market. I have full confidence in the ability of law enforcement to cultivate good relationships with

the community. Apartments with retail and a boardwalk/park next door with a space hosting City events is unlikely to grow isolated in a way that would foster crime. There is a racial undertone to people on Facebook commenting that these apartments remind them of "the projects" that should make us all uncomfortable.

Housing affordability is a crisis. To address this we need to build more housing. The best way to grow is density near jobs and transit. If we don't build here, the people won't disappear, but unincorporated Snohomish County will pick up the slack with greater impact on transportation infrastructure, schools and the environment. It's appalling that those whose housing is secure would try to deny housing to those who don't have it based on such flimsy and counter-productive reasoning.

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