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Ms Floyd,

I am writing about the SEPA DNS for project 20-0994.

How can a generalized SEPA DNS be given for a number of code amendments that will introduce multifamily construction projects in neighborhoods? If this DNS passes, how should any of the individual construction projects that follow be covered by this ridiculous SEPA DNS? They shouldn't.

This SEPA asserts

- That density will be monitored, but gives no land unit (per acre?, Neighborhood?, side-of-town, the whole city?)
- That no fill or excavation will occur
- Adding buildings to an unchanged land area won't increase impervious surface
- That there therefore will be new no run-off to streams or reduction in vegetation
- No structures will be demolished, contradicting the experience of other cities
- No one will be displaced or priced out of their apartment (data proves opposite)

Not only is this SEPA a sham document, it takes any power out of the hands of the residents affected by these changes. We're are to trust in the Planning Department to make our choices and monitor the code. Excesses in the past make it hard to do this.

Junk this SEPA (and the ordinance changes it is supposed to cover), and ask Olympia residents for less-destructive ways to densify our neighborhoods and downtown.

Thank You,

Jay Elder