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Public Comment on SHN Planning Services Extension and Quality Review

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Mayor Wright and Councilmembers:

I ask that the SHN planning-services extension be removed from the consent calendar for individual discussion.

I support continued professional planning services and healthy, lawful growth in our community. My request is that Council consider reasonable safeguards to improve the accuracy, legal sufficiency, and clarity of the planning materials presented to decision-makers and the public.

My previously submitted direct notice and its continuation identify specific errors and conflicts in planning records. I ask Council to consider that documented history when deciding how future work should be checked.

Reasonable measures could include checking material facts and calculations, ensuring required findings are supported by evidence, and reconciling conflicting statements among staff reports, plans, environmental analyses, and proposed conditions. I leave the assignment of responsibilities and the specific review procedures to Council and City management.

These checks would benefit everyone involved. Residents, applicants, commissioners, and Councilmembers should be able to understand what is proposed, which requirements apply, and why staff believes those requirements are satisfied. Clear, dependable agenda materials allow the public to make informed evaluations and provide meaningful comments. They also help applicants understand expectations and reduce avoidable confusion, corrections, and delays.

I ask Council to pair continued planning services with direction to develop appropriate quality-control measures. If Council needs additional time to consider those measures, please consider a short interim extension that maintains services while that review occurs, before approving the full extension.

Please retain this submission as written public comment on the SHN extension and consider it together with my separate direct notice and continuation.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Beers

