



**Kennydale  
Neighborhood  
Association**

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September 29, 2023

Mayor Sofia Aragon and  
Burien City Council  
400 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Burien, WA 98166

Dear Mayor Aragon and Councilmembers

The Kennydale Neighborhood Association opposes the plans the City of Burien is discussing for turning the EconoLodge/Inn at Lake Washington into a homeless housing facility.

Like all the communities in our region, the City of Renton is challenged with its own homeless population and has expended a lot of money and resources to address this issue in our community.

We request the City of Burien develop solutions to homelessness within its own boundaries.

The EconoLodge/Inn at Lake Washington REBLX property and its surrounding neighborhoods in Renton and Newcastle are not well suited for this purpose.

- There is no transit access to this property. The bus routes serving the area are accessed at Exit 6, one mile to the south along I-405. To walk or use a wheelchair get to that transit zone, one would either need to use the shoulder of I-405 or walk a mile and a half through the Kennydale neighborhood, traversing a very steep grade in the process.
- The area does not have any social service agencies or health facilities for the residents.
- There is no supermarket close by.
- The land is not zoned for an emergency shelter.

We have not heard of a plan on the part of the City of Burien to provide any oversight on the property, nor a plan to transition short-term residents to a more permanent housing solution.

We urge you to consider a more mindful and humane plan for Burien's homeless population within your community. Renton's police, fire/medical, and human services resources are strained enough already.

Kennydale Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

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