



**SHORELINE  
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RE: SCA Letter dated November 20, 2020

Dear Governor Inslee,

Earlier today your office received a letter from Sound Cities Association (SCA) requesting that your office reconsider some of the restrictions placed on businesses in light of the COVID-19 crisis.

Although the City of Shoreline is a member of SCA, this letter is not reflective of our City's position on the restrictions that your office recently put in place. In fact, our City Council was not consulted on the letter prior to its issuance.

We fully understand the challenges before you as the State makes policy decisions in response to the COVID pandemic. The Shoreline City Council applauds your efforts to engage the expertise of public health officials in making these decisions. We support their evidence-based recommendations and are encouraging Shoreline residents and businesses to follow the guidance. We recognize that our economy cannot begin to recover until the pandemic is brought under control.

The current outbreak trends are disheartening and it is clear that everyone needs to adhere to and follow the best practices of public health. We recognize the great economic impacts upon those in the restaurant business. We support efforts to provide economic support to these small businesses and their workers so that they can weather this storm and be positioned for recovery when the pandemic is under control. The City of Shoreline has recently provided over \$700,000 in small business grants as a result of the CARES Act funding that you provided to local governments. We recognize that this is small investment compared to the overall need and welcome additional opportunities to provide funding to our small businesses.

Thank you for your leadership during this unprecedented time and know that we support your efforts to protect the health and safety of all Washingtonians.

Sincerely,

Will Hall, Mayor  
City of Shoreline

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