

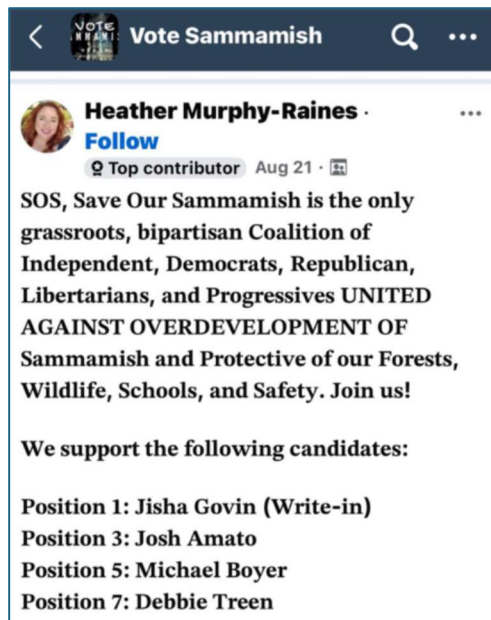
Respondent Names
Save Our Sammamish
Complainant Name
Kerry Bosworth
Complaint Description
<p><u>Kerry Bosworth</u> reported via the portal <i>(Tue, 2 Sep 2025 at 6:02 PM)</i></p> <p>It seems like a conflict of interest to have a PAC and a group with the same name both active during the same election cycle and have expenditures associated with the name in the form of a website, sign and banners.</p> <p>Furthermore, the actions by the Save Our Sammamish group seem to conflict with the following PDC FAQ after a sign referencing the election and endorsing candidates on social media - "Although a group may be a civic, social or professional organization primarily, it also may be a political committee if it accepts contributions specifically for use in election campaigns. RCW 42.17A.005(37)".</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
<p>The Save Our Sammamish website and signs have the same name as a PAC that was established in 2023. There is no contact information on the website and later the SOS brand was used on social media to endorse candidates and not endorse others. There are also people associated who have donated to PACs before, including this one and should have been aware of any conflict of interest and or reported expenditures related to the PAC, if the PDC deems that was required.</p>
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
<p>PDC SOS complaint.pdf - Summary of the complaint regarding a PAC and a group called Save Our Sammamish</p> <p>PDC SOS inquiry.pdf - Submitted as inquiry on 9/1 and including it here.</p> <p>SOS Resident Town Hall.pdf - Witness description of the town hall and who as on the panel and moderator.</p>
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
Laurie RodriguezP
Certification (Complainant)
<p>I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.</p>

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Furthermore, the actions by the Save Our Sammamish group seem to conflict with the following PDC FAQ after a sign referencing the election and endorsing candidates on social media. **Note:** I have a separate inquiry filed with the PDC to ask if a group like Save Our Sammamish can do the following without being a PAC by using non-paid social media platforms.

<https://www.pdc.wa.gov/registration-reporting/candidates-committees/political-committee-faq>

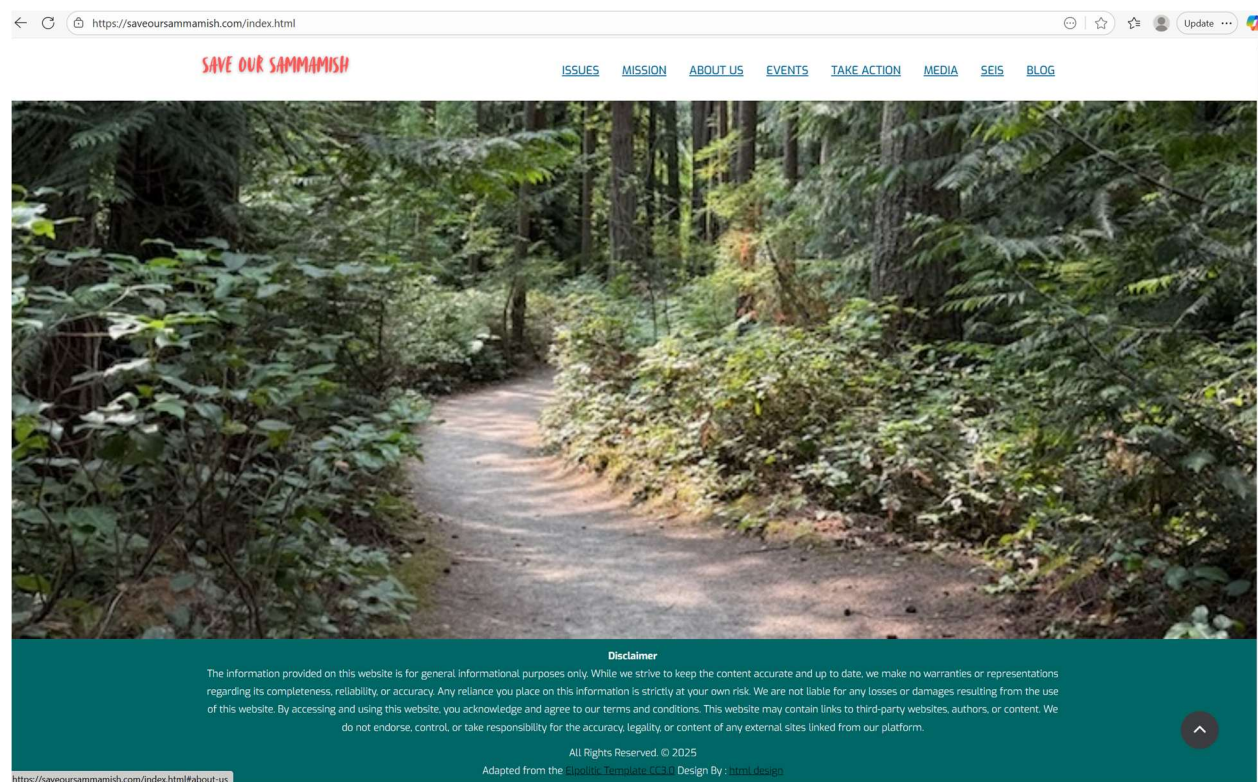




(other posts available if needed)

Since it was published earlier this year, it's odd that the Save Our Sammamish website has no contact information on it.

<https://saveoursammamish.com/index.html>



One shouldn't have to Subscribe in order to get in contact with the owner of the site.

<https://saveoursammamish.com/actions.html>

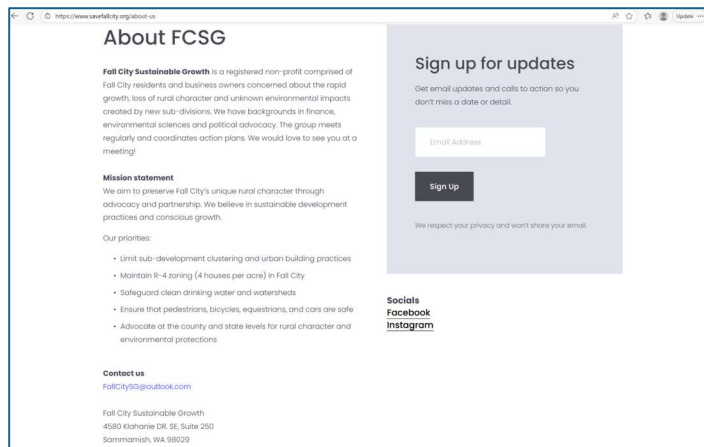
The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://saveoursammamish.com/actions.html>. The page has a header with the text "SAVE OUR SAMMAMISH" in red and a navigation menu with links: HOME, TAKE ACTION (highlighted), EVENTS, MEDIA, SEIS, and BLOG. The main content area is a light blue box with the heading "Sign up to receive updates on the Town Center and city council actions". Below this is a form titled "Let's connect!". The form includes three input fields: "Email Address *" (with a red asterisk and a note "* indicates required"), "First Name *", and "Last Name". A "Subscribe" button is at the bottom left of the form, and the "INTUIT MAILCHIMP" logo is at the bottom right.

Compare this with other community-led efforts like these two other sites which do provide contact information.

<https://www.supersammamish.org>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.supersammamish.org/#about>. The page has a header with the "Super Sammamish" logo and a navigation menu with links: about, vision, benefits, data, support, and contact. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "contact information" and lists: "email" (supersammamish@gmail.com), "phone" ((425) 738-2825 or (425) 295-4118), and "address" (sammamish, wa). The right column is titled "send us a message" and contains a "Name" input field, a "Message" input field, and a "Send Message" button. The footer is dark blue and contains four sections: "Super Sammamish" (Building a vibrant town center for the Sammamish community. Join us in creating a place where neighbors connect and thrive.), "Quick Links" (about us, our vision, benefits, get involved, contact), "Resources" (project timeline, meeting schedule, survey results, faq, newsletter), and "Contact Info" (supersammamish@gmail.com, (425) 555-0123, sammamish, wa 98075). At the bottom, there is a copyright notice: "© 2025 super sammamish. all rights reserved. | privacy policy | terms of service".

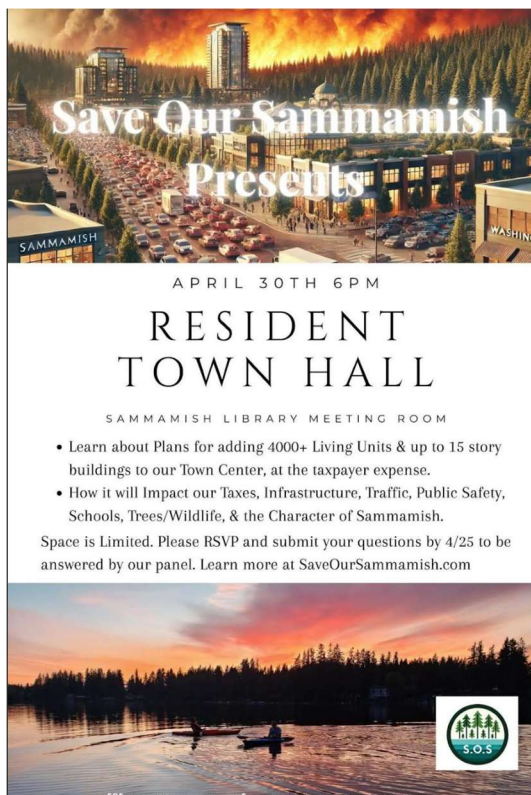
<https://www.savefallcity.org/about-us>



Individual people that are part of a group called Save Our Sammamish are known via public articles, in person events and social media. There is no way to know it and the PAC were not related until it was posted on their website.

Additionally, although members of Save Our Sammamish state they did not know there was a PAC with the same name, individuals working for or with Save Our Sammamish knew about, collaborated or have donated to the Save Our Sammamish PAC and others in the past.

On April 30th, 2025, the Save Our Sammamish group hosted a resident town hall.



Per this timestamped public comment, a resident that attended the SOS town hall identified the panel of experts at the meeting as **Kent Treen**, Sammamish City Council Member, **Debbie Treen**, candidate for Sammamish City Council (2025) and **Karen Moran**, former Sammamish City Council member and contributor to the Save Our Sammamish PAC in 2023. It was moderated by **Jennifer Kim**.

<https://youtu.be/iuHDbVaVxsc?list=PLCPDV1ofWdWNIKGts13qcRPiobd0yYkU0&t=627>

Debbie Treen - Filed for office in Feb 2025

<https://www.pdc.wa.gov/political-disclosure-reporting-data/browse-search-data/candidates/3321578>

Karen Moran - contributed to PAC Save our Sammamish in 2023

<https://www.pdc.wa.gov/political-disclosure-reporting-data/browse-search-data/committees/co-2023-34770#contributions>

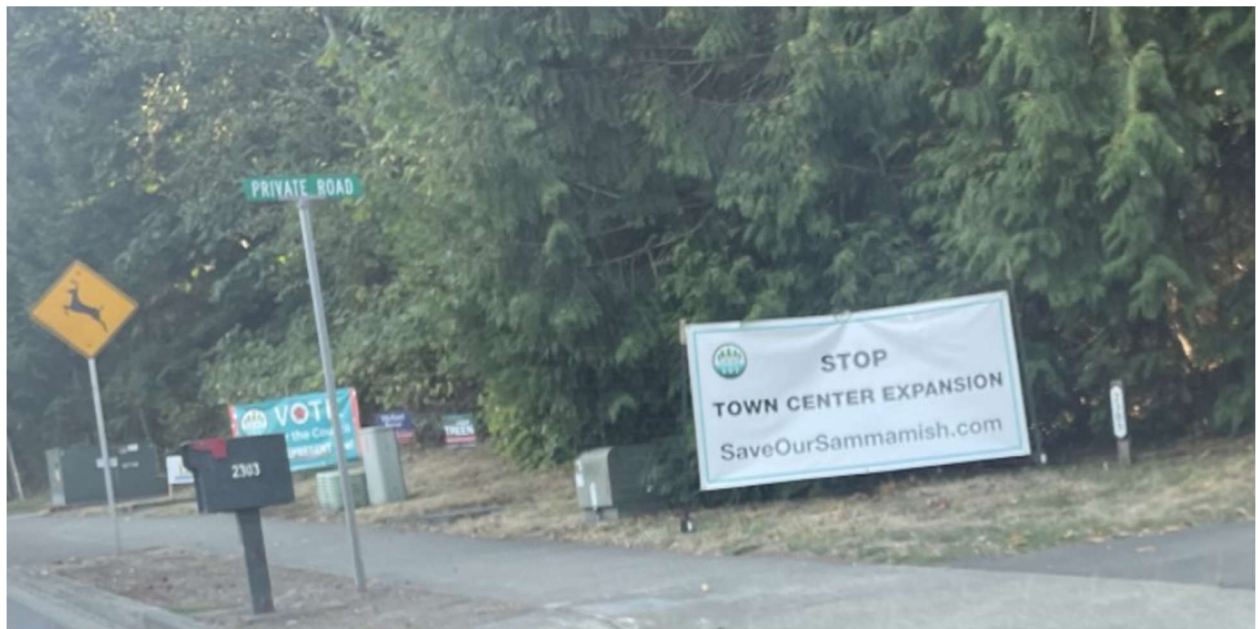
Jennifer Kim –

- Identified as leader of Save Our Sammamish in this article:
<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/realestate/save-our-sammamish-why-4-000-new-homes-have-residents-worried/ar-AA1HRqpC>
- Started the change.org petition (see attachment - Change.org - Town Center Petition as of 3.28.25). It has been since updated to SOS.
<https://www.change.org/p/prevent-approval-of-high-rise-buildings-and-excessive-housing-in-sammamish-town-center>
- Has contributed to other Sammamish PACs like Sammamish Life in the past and thus aware that PACs exist in Sammamish.

https://www.pdc.wa.gov/political-disclosure-reporting-data/browse-search-data/committees/co-2019-23790?contributor_name=Kim+Jennifer#contributions

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Other signs:



Can you help me understand if a group called Save Our Sammamish does or does not need to be a PAC after collecting funds to create a website and signs and later use the brand to endorse, via social media, one or a slate of candidates and content against other candidates?

I've read through [RCW 42.17A.005](#) and even though money was collected and spent on Save our Sammamish, does using the brand on Facebook, Nextdoor, etc. fall under 15(b) (vii)? Please confirm if SOS can endorse candidates on free platforms.

This would be good to know for my own education. I also intend to file a complaint against the PAC with the same name as some of the people involved were aware/involved in both and that's creating confusion for the public and perhaps deception if someone were to donate to the Save Our Sammamish PAC if they were instead trying to direct funds to saveoursammamish.com.

Website: <https://saveoursammamish.com/index.html>

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- [Fiscal Responsibility & Taxes](#)

A Vital Sammamish Town Center

We are in favor of planned growth to sustain the well-being of the community we love. In 2008 the City Council approved The Sammamish Town Center Plan for a **maximum** of 2,000 residential units and 70 ft. building height limit. Our City Council recently initiated proposals to **increase** the density from 2,000 to 4,000 units and increase building heights to 85'. We want to make the community aware of the impacts these changes may have on our community. Learn more about the [amendment process](#).

Together, we strive for a Town Center that enhances our city's future without compromising its character, its fiscal health, safety, our children's schools, or our current residents' quality of life. This is a critical time in the development of the Town Center. Construction of the first phase is now underway. We need to make our voices heard before it is too late to change course.

[What Can I Do?](#)

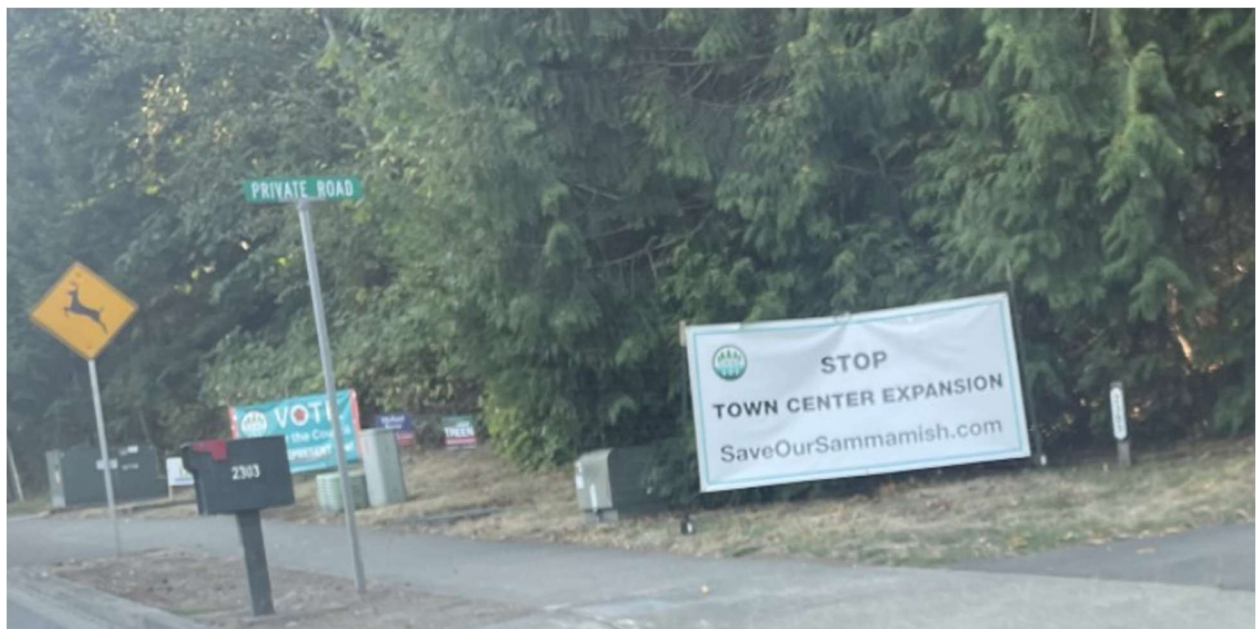
Thank you to every one who submitted input!!

Through July 9, the City received 787 comments on the Draft EIS.

About 100 of these signs (four to five different versions) were put up earlier this year and remain up.



Larger signs:




With this second one deviating from Town Center and referencing the election.



There is no contact information on the website, but Heather is a contributor to the blog on Save our Sammamish.

← ↻ 🔍 <https://blog.saveoursammamish.com> A★ ☆ ⚙️ Update ...




SAVE OUR SAMMAMISH

We believe in a Town Center that honors the values of current Sammamish residents—one that prioritizes responsible growth, fiscal sustainability, safeguards our natural environment to include our wildlife, trees, watershed, creeks, and aquifers, and upholds the integrity, infrastructure, and safety of our city.

SEARCH

SAVE OUR SAMMAMISH



Key Concerns of 4k Housing Units & 15 Story Buildings in Town Center:

- Traffic/Gridlock, Roads, & Safety
- Environmental Destruction
- Fiscal Responsibility&Taxes

Contributors

- BEAU
- HEATHERMURPHY-RAINES
- RICHARD

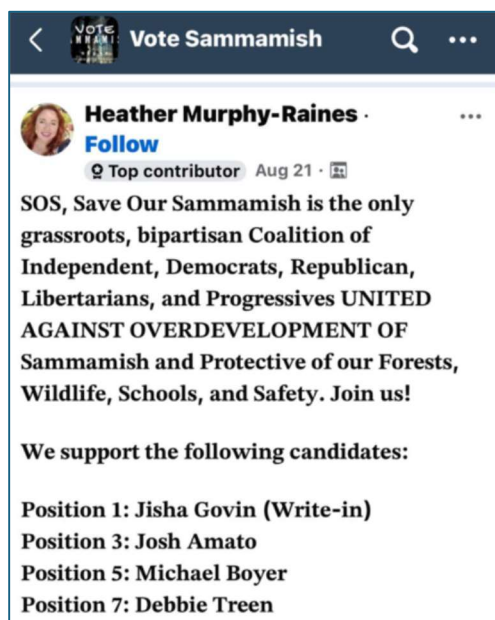
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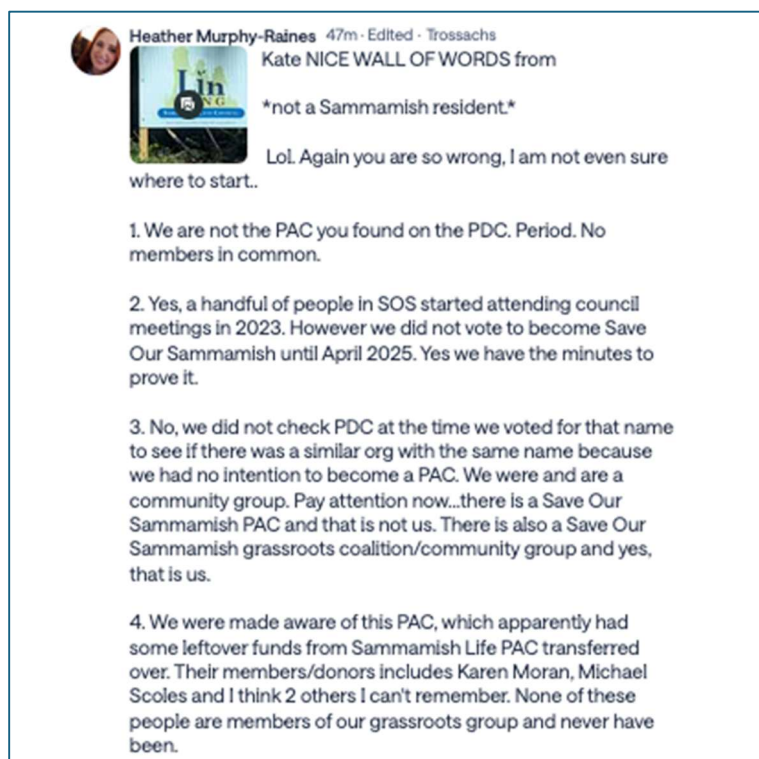
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Save Our Sammamish being used to endorse a full slate of candidates.



Funds were pooled to promote saveoursammamish.com.



5. I did put out a call to the PDC and spoke in depth to them about what we had currently being doing and what would trigger us becoming a PAC.

6. To be clear, we as a group of 25+ people? Some of us opted in to pool all our own money (no outside donations) to educate and advocate for Town Center and get people to the council meeting and to fill out Jotforms. That was when some of us bought Town Center specific issue signs. We also had members donate for a website. We have also purchased some banners. All optional pooled funds within members.

7. I discussed this in depth with PDC. He (Scott) reassured me that none of that activity qualified us to file with the PDC as a PAC. In fact, he said unless we pooled money to advocate for or against a candidate or initiative, we do not again have to file as a PAC. You are wrong.

8. We considered and voted against becoming a PAC in our general meeting last month. The PDC assured us we can still advocate for and pool funds against Town Center (not a candidate or initiative), offer support for and against candidates, and post that support on social media because again we are not spending money, but simply voicing our support and opinion. See how easy that is? No money is being spent for or against candidates or initiatives. He even said candidates could list our support in their campaign statements, but I do not think candidates chose to do so, but it was an option according to the PDC. We chose not to list our support on our website because that is a website for issues on Town Center and with donated funds so it would not be appropriate to advocate for or against a candidate. See how easy that is?

9. As long as we do not pool money... say to sponsor a paid social media post or make signs for or against candidates or initiatives, the PDC assured us we were well within our rights to stay a community group and would not have to file.

10. You really need to educate yourself and do more research before hurling dishonest accusations and attacks.

11. We are fully within PDC guidelines and plan to stay there.



Kerry Bosworth <boswker@gmail.com>

SOS Resident Council

2 messages

Kerry Bosworth <boswker@gmail.com>
To: Paul Stickney <stick@seanet.com>

Tue, Sep 2, 2025 at 9:40 AM

Hi Paul,

Earlier this year you verbally told me about the SOS resident council meeting on April 30, 2025.

Can you briefly describe how it went, who was there and the general format of the meeting?

Thank you.

Kerry

stick@seanet.com <stick@seanet.com>
To: Kerry Bosworth <boswker@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 2, 2025 at 10:03 AM

Hi Kerry,

The SOS Town Hall was broadly promoted on Facebook and had a registration link, which I filled out and was confirmed to attend.

Town Hall event was held in large meeting room at Sammamish Library.

I would say there were more than 50 people there, but not over 80.

Generally speaking I would say over 2/3's were in support of SOS goals to keep Town Center at current size and had concerns with development in general. Under 1/3 were there to hear presentations or in favor of increasing Town Center size.

Meeting was highly scripted and moderated by Jennifer Kim. Expert panel surprised me. I had asked on more than one Facebook group before the Town Hall who the panel was, no response was provided.

Panel consisted of three individuals which were bit of surprise to me:

- Current Council Member Kent Treen
- Council Candidate Debbie Treen
- Past council member and former Mayor Karen Moran.

Format was questions asked by Jennifer Kim to the expert panel and answers from the panel. A couple attendee's tried to ask other questions or clarify questions being asked and were all shut down as I recall.

There was no Q and A opportunity for attendee's of the expert panel.

Also, there was an iPhone recording the event, and statement made the event was being recorded and be posted to view later.

I was disappointed the video of the event was never posted. I asked about it on line and answer I got was "technical difficulties".

I for one really wanted to re-listen to entire event, but alas could not.

The Resident Town Hall lasted about an hour or so.

Paul Stickney, Sammamish

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