



**Community Issues**

**RESIDENTIAL SAFETY CONCERNS**

1. Traffic, speeding in the residential areas
2. Speeding on Harrington around Highlands Elementary School
3. Fix damaged sidewalks in residential areas
4. Need more Police patrols in Highlands (Sunset, Harrington, Kirkland, Union)
5. Speeding on Harrington and Sunset Blvd.
6. City of Renton must increase Police presence in the Highlands residential areas, crime rate in our household communities is at the highest rate in the history of our neighborhoods.
7. Vandalism in Highlands – tires popped.
8. Get the police out of their vehicles and have them start walking around in the Highlands community. They would get a different perspective on the problems the neighborhood is experiencing on a day to day basis. This would give us a better feeling of security in our community than we currently have today.

**CITY OF RENTON CODE COMPLIANCE ISSUES**

1. Lack of City Code Enforcement.
2. Code Compliance in Highlands lacking.
3. Limited city support of Highlands residential and business areas, no code enforcement. Harrington, Union, Index areas.
4. City Council not aware that code compliance group is ineffective in supporting the needs of the old Highlands residential communities.
5. The city has a care less attitude towards the Highlands residents when it comes to code enforcement and police protection.
6. Junk cars and junk in yards of abutting sidewalks of homes and duplexes.
7. No response back from code compliance employees when citizens submit complaints on code violations in the Highlands.
8. If there is a question as to weather it is a code problem or a police issue, the citizen is left with the problem of contacting the correct authority.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE HIGHLANDS**

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1. Economic Development – lack of – city makes promises that never happen.
2. We see no current plans for the redevelopment of the Highlands business area that run parallel to Sunset. Where are all those great improvements the city planning department promised our community?
3. Rapid development – cutting down forests to make high density housing plus subdividing larger properties to make high density developments. There has been too much of this high density development without proper city planning.
4. Concerned with the increased housing development in the Highlands area and how the number of people will effect traffic, our schools, utilities to name a few.
5. We need school impact fees to help pay for construction new schools.
6. Want family restaurants with American food like Plum Delicious on Sunset Blvd.
7. Need a small café (sandwich & coffee)
8. Rebuilding Highlands shopping area.
9. Increase business in the Highlands
10. Encourage new business in the area besides thrift shops, dollars stores and Asian restaurants.

#### **ISSUES WITH THE RENTON HOUSING AUTHORITY**

1. Renton Housing Authority not controlling section 8 renters they move into the Highlands Neighborhood community. Garbage around their units, furniture in yards, neighbors calling police at all hours of the day and night complaining of code violations that are never followed up on by the city. Renton Housing should be responsible for these families they move into our residential community.
2. Too high a concentration of low income housing in the Highlands. Place some of them in Kennedale and Renton Hill. Make the housing authority responsible for cleaning up the rentals these people live in while living in our community.
3. Too much section 8 in the Highlands. Why isn't this type of housing dispersed throughout the city of Renton? Does the City of Renton think the Highlands is the dumping grounds for all low income housing? There seems to be no communication between the City of Renton and the Renton Housing Authority as to future planning and placement of section 8 housing being properly placed throughout Renton. How do we file a complaint against this housing authority that speaks to the large concentration of low income housing being put in our community?

#### **ISSUES WITH THE CITY OF RENTON IN GENERAL**

1. During the summer keep weeds and grasses cut along roadways- Monroe, 12<sup>th</sup> N.E., and Cemetery Road.
2. Uncontrolled construction along Cemetery road and east.
3. Homeless people, drug rehab in Highlands's business district. Put the drug rehab next to the Renton Police Department at Renton City Hall.

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