

When I first moved to Washington 38 years ago, I settled in Kirkland's Houghton Center and I immediately became a lifelong member of PCC. I really liked the vibes of this city and still do.

As we started a family and moved on to Bellevue, we continued coming to Kirkland's downtown Center and enjoyed the City's offerings, over the years.

A few years ago, my husband and I moved to Redondo Beach, part of Des Moines and South King County. It's a beautiful spot.

Unfortunately for us though, and thousands like us, the last few years have seen a 6 times growth of air traffic directly overhead, sometimes in 2 paths, lower than 3000 ft, the height at which the chemical pollution from the engines is not dispersed before it hits the ground. And at every 2-5 minutes throughout the day and into the night – there is no respite from the intense noise pollution. Ours is not the only area in King County which is experiencing this disproportionate impact vs benefits, but the one we know best.

Until we moved to this southern part of King County, we had no idea that these communities had suffered so much over the years from the airport operations, from the 1st runway to the 3rd runway installations and now even more so, with their constant use, as the growth and flight paths are lowered and unabated.

This ever-increasing airport growth, serving businesses in Seattle and the Eastside, comes at the expense of South King County community businesses and livelihoods, people's lives and their community institutions, such as churches and schools. As the airport is supposed to serve the whole region, how is this equitable?

I come to you today, as a past Eastsider, to point out that one part of our County should not be making decisions that benefit themselves without considering the effects those decisions will have on others in the County and region. As you consider the economic values today for your community, please remember to include the Environmental Justice and Social Justice of your decisions, for others, which means *not participating in prosperity at the expense of others' welfare*.

Thank you for listening to my comments today.

