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
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20 Feb. 2022

Dear Sound Transit Board;

I enter into the record the following responses to your advertising of no income tax in the State of Washington in your CEO brochure. I hope you will reflect on how this undermines public confidence in Sound Transit:

 Erica C. Barnett  @ericacbarnett · 6h



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### ■ Compensation And Benefits

The salary for this position is negotiable depending on the qualifications and experience of the selected candidate. A reasonable expectation for base compensation is **\$300,000 - \$400,000**.

- » No state income tax in Washington
- » 401(a) Retirement Savings Plan: Employee contributes 10%, Sound Transit contributes 12%
- » 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan
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- » Personal Time Off – 30 days to start
- » 11 regular + 2 floating holidays
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“If WA gets an income tax, there will be one fewer item on the CEO’s list of perks” is not exactly a convincing argument

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Hey @SoundTransit this is pretty embarrassing, given that #WA's regressive tax system is bad for public transit.

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Uh @SoundTransit what the hell are you doing here?

Seriously.

WTH?

Time to elect ze Sound Transit Board & put @SeattleSubway + @TranspoChoices on it. Clearly @KccClaudia Badassuchi respectfully can't do all ze progressive governing & clearly @kcexec @dowc has a County to run.

**Bob Pishue** @BobPishue · Feb 19  
I like how the first benefit is no state income tax @OlympiaWatch  
twitter.com/MikeLindblom/s...




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**Joe**  
@AvgeekJoe  
Lindsey Boylan Dem & Bowinn Ma fan thankful 4 America. Transit + open gov't advocate. Also "military jet superfan" + DCS fan. HB 1329 FTW! Views mine thx!

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All-volunteer advocacy organization. We are fighting for fast, reliable, grade-separated transit expansion in Seattle and the Puget Sound region, ASAP!

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**Messages**

I just want the Board aware of the low quality work product the staff is putting on and how it's received by your fans/12s.

You/the staff have sufficiently let down the fans and it is past time to elect the Sound Transit Board.

I rather like the idea of Boardmembers Wills (Snohomish), Seberin (Seattle) and Kunzler (Statewide) for starters. The WSDOT Secretary has *enough* to deal with. This statement in your CEO hiring brochure is just as bad as appeasing Alex Tsimerman for years, lobbying to apply to WSDOT grants given mostly to transit agencies with less revenue since 2015, and just generally pushing away your 12s. I don't envy this role of nudging you before dinner, but that's part of the role of a healthy fan base. Support the agency's work, but demand better without personal attacks.

Please really take this in that spirit of...

GO SOUND TRANSIT;

Joe A. Kunzler

[growlernoise@gmail.com](mailto:growlernoise@gmail.com)

*Rob Spitzer*

**The substance of this comment are within a letter included at the end of this document.**

Please put the comments attached in the public record for the Sound Transit Board meeting of February 24, 2022. Thank you.

Rob Spitzer

Sound Transit Board Meeting February 24, 2022

Public statement to be submitted to the Sound Transit Board:

My name is Rob Spitzer, and I'm one of the partners in South 200<sup>th</sup> Street Station, LLC, speaking in support of one of the items on the consent agenda today, Motion 2022-08, approving the Term Sheet and sale of a surplus parcel of land on the south side of South 200<sup>th</sup> Street in the block adjoining the Angle Lake Light Rail Station in SeaTac.

Our company is the owner of around 8 acres of land surrounding the Sound Transit parcel. We submitted the proposal selected by Sound Transit in response to the public solicitation to purchase the property. We are planning on integrating the Sound Transit lot into a block-wide planned development immediately adjoining the light rail station, which will include residential units, retail, and perhaps some public occupants, office and/or hospitality uses. The lot will be integrated into a full block master plan. We're committing to build at least 230 residential units on the block, with at least 20% of the units as income qualified to make them more affordable.

The development will dramatically change the station area, energizing the neighborhood.

I'd also like to specifically mention the professionalism of the Sound Transit staff we worked with in connection with the proposal and term sheet process: Jordan Rash, Mara D'Angelo, Joanna Valeri and Tamara Sant. They were courteous, reasonable, protecting the interests of the public and the agency, and shaping the sales arrangement and continuing covenant in a way which will benefit the area's long-term health.

We look forward to bringing many new people to live and work in the immediate vicinity of Angle Lake Station. Thank you.