

Invitation to Share Your Thoughts on the Thunderbird Treatment Center

Dear Community Members,

Because there is never enough time in our meetings to hear from everyone who wishes to speak, we invite you to share your thoughts and opinions about the planned Vashon Thunderbird Treatment Center. Your input is important, and we want to ensure that all voices are heard in a thoughtful and respectful manner.

Guidelines for Submitting Comments to This Google Document

Word Limit: Please keep your comments to **200 words or less**

Tone: We kindly ask that all comments be civil, respectful and courteous, reflecting the spirit of constructive dialogue. While we understand that opinions may differ, we want to foster a conversation that is respectful of all perspectives. Your submission may be removed if not. Think of this as a statement you would read at a Community Council meeting with your friends and neighbors present in the room.

Content: Please focus your comments on the proposed Thunderbird Treatment Center and its potential impact on our community. Specific, constructive feedback is encouraged. Please review the FAQ on Thunderbird before sharing your own thoughts. You can find it here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1veHd-ikPs_di4bRhxpUm0Vgar56PVjY0aM0sWRrAiOs/edit?usp=sharing

How to Submit Your Comments:

Write them first in another form to be sure they are 200 words or less. Then copy them into this Google Document. Be sure to include your full name, and whether you are an Island resident.

We appreciate your thoughtful participation and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for contributing to this important discussion and helping us maintain a respectful and productive conversation.

Vashon-Maury Community Council

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1. I strongly support welcoming the Thunderbird Treatment Center to Vashon. We are a welcoming and inclusive community. We continue to find ways to open our doors to those to whom our policies of the past centuries have done wrong. Let's bring hope and healing to the former Care Center. Joshua Kaufman, Island resident, married into an island resident since the mid 1970s.
2. Thank you all for your engagement with this issue. I ask that we consider how to bring less heat and more light to our discussions about SIHB plans. We are all grieving and upset about the loss of nursing care facilities here, and about our disrupted and difficult health care, housing, and transportation systems - and it feels to me as if we are venting all our feelings on this one issue. I think we can work together better to find common ground and address some of the logistics and communications needs that have been identified. Now PSEnergy is threatening us with property loss, climate warming is upon us, and all this is more than humans can tolerate at once. We need to be careful with each other and strategic in our approach to the instability of our community and institutions. I hope we can look deeply into the extreme emotions being aroused, take care of ourselves, and trust each other to find constructive pathways through change. Sincerely, Lynn Carrigan, Island resident
3. Thunderbird Treatment Center will fill a need on Vashon and in the greater King County area. I support this and wonder why anyone wouldn't. I hope for better for Vashon and will continue to show up for our community. Julie Brown Vashon resident
4. There is a stigma surrounding addiction, and I understand why some people are concerned about the potential impact this facility might have on our community. I found the FAQ document provided by the Council helpful. It's important to recognize that this facility is intended for currently sober patients who have completed a detox program, undergone a vetting process, and have no history of violent crime or assault. My hope is that Thunderbird can become a positive presence in our community, and that some Vashon residents will seek their services if needed. - Julia Mark (island resident)
5. Addiction is a challenge that affects individuals and families from all walks of life, but with the right support, recovery is not only possible—it's life-changing. As such, Vashon Thunderbird Treatment Center will play a vital role in strengthening the health, hope, and resilience of our greater community. This center will be a beacon of hope for those who seek help, offering compassionate care, evidence-based treatment, and the opportunity for individuals to rebuild their lives. By providing a safe and supportive environment, Thunderbird Treatment Center will help people not only break free from the grips of addiction but also rediscover their purpose and potential. As a community, we should stand in full support of the critical work of Thunderbird Treatment Center here on Vashon. Together, we can lift up those in need, reduce the stigma

surrounding addiction, and create a healthier, more connected community for all. Let's continue to foster an atmosphere of understanding, empathy, and unwavering support for this essential resource. Theressia J. Hamilton, Vashon resident.