

## Demand First Things First!

### You Need to Stand Up and Be Vocal, Because

#### If *you* DON'T want the U District...

- to be built up before there is infrastructure to support it;
- to say goodbye to great small restaurants and businesses;
- to be turned into a mini-down town of massive sky scraping buildings (24 stories south of NE 50th, 32 stories below 47th.)
- to see heights raised on the Ave (to 85 ft after the City promised small businesses there wouldn't be a change);
- to be overwhelmed with more traffic and less parking;
- to see affordable housing demolished without replacement for market rate units;
- to be deficient of parks and open space for the population we currently have, much less greater numbers;
- to be a place where our homeless neighbors struggle to survive on U District streets;
- to be less livable and less diverse, with today's residents forced out by institutional and corporate enterprises.

#### *And, Instead*

#### If you WANT

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- Affordable living for people of all ages and backgrounds. (Despite upzone proponents' unsupported claims, Upzoning the U District will displace more affordable housing than it could possibly replace. HALA and the Mayor's "Grand Bargain" are being used as eleventh-hour excuses to justify this flawed upzone plan.)
- **One-for-one replacement** to keep affordable housing here, in the U District, and not somewhere else!
- That a credible **Displacement Risk Analysis** be done prior to up-zoning to ensure that the affordable housing created is greater than the current supply.
- That Developers pay their fair share with **Impact Fees** for new, needed infrastructure instead of taxpayers shouldering the burden for roads, parks, open spaces, schools, public safety and other public services.
- A plan to **preserve and support the small local businesses** that are key to the U District's unique character.
- **Effective social services** to meet the needs of our ever growing homeless population.

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- A comprehensive **traffic and parking mitigation plan** drawing from the expertise of residents to mitigate enormous levels of congestion affecting the University District.
- A comprehensive **historic preservation plan with real teeth** to preserve dozens of identified historic structures now at risk of being lost to redevelopment.
- A commitment to **preserve our mature trees and landscaping** for their beauty and environmental benefits.
- A comprehensive plan to **increase, improve and maintain parks and open space** in the neighborhood accompanied by a real commitment of city funds to make the plan a reality.
- Prioritize **energy considerations in zoning and the design of buildings** to truly mitigate climate change. (Seattle's [own data](#) shows that high-rise multi-family building currently consume 45% more energy per square foot than mid-rise multi-family and 64% more than low-rise multi-family.)
- **Respect for the needs and input from the community already living and working here, who are the heart and soul of the U District.**
- **That the City reject plans to Upzone the U District until it first addresses *existing* livability concerns.**

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**"I endorse Livable U District"**