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Subject: project # 3020114

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to protest very strongly against the proposed apartment building at 6726 Greenwood Ave. North. The project # is 302114. My main objection is that this building will have no parking for 55 units. This is unacceptable because people with cars will flood already crowded streets. Even if only half the residents own a car, that will still be a significant number parked on the streets.

Congested parking is a major issue that degrades our quality of life on Phinney Ridge. Many streets with parking on both sides are de facto one way streets. This is a safety issue for the neighborhood children who may dart into the street running between parked cars. Such congested parking makes it hard for drivers to see children playing on the parking strips. It also adds to the general stress level of the neighborhood.

I know that those in favor of these apartments with no parking claim that they will be affordable housing. However, at the last hearing I went to on a similar structure, we were told that rents would be market driven. We have owned an apartment for over thirty years and our rents were never dictated by costs, just demand and our consciences. The latter being something major investors don't have.

If apartments are to be build, please insure that they have sufficient parking.

I might also add that I have lived in this city since 1950, and I am coming to believe that our leaders are selling us out the developers and special interests all in the name of progress. The arguments being used today to tear down many buildings and build newer and unaffordable housing are very similar to the arguments used to tear down Pike Place Market and Pioneer Square in the name of Urban Renewal. We can control what our neighborhoods look like!!

Sincerely,

Paul Kipping