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Subject: Project #3020338
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Dear Seattle City Design Review Board Members,

Attached please find a letter regarding Project#3020338, located at 2939 E. Madison St., Seattle, WA, 98112.

Please let me know if you are unable to open or read the pdf file.

Thank you for all your time and efforts,

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RE: Project #3020338, located at 2939 E. Madison St., Seattle, WA 98112

Dear Mr. Torgelson:

Recently, the owners of City People's Gardening Store sold their property at 2939 E. Madison St., Seattle, WA 98112, to investors who plan to build an extremely large facility with a supermarket, 75 apartments, and parking for 157 vehicles.

This project, #3020338 in city records, will have devastating impacts on the local residents. The construction itself will occur on a steeply graded slope composed of fill built to allow tram travel from downtown Seattle to the former Madison Park ferry. The land covers an underground stream in an earthquake fault zone and is prone to flooding and tremors. Part of the plan to construct this facility will remove beautiful trees that stabilize the slope and provide much-needed green space to the valley.

In addition to these physical problems, the facility will bring in large numbers of new residents and transient visitors, vastly increasing the traffic in the area. In the valley, access to the facility will occur on Dewey Ave E., a narrow street that sweeps eastward in a U-turn to become 30th AVE E, where I have lived for 25 years. Parking here is already at a premium due to local commercial shops and lack of off-street parking for most houses in the neighborhood. Access to the new parking garage will change our neighborhood from a quiet residential area into one of constant noise and traffic. There goes the neighborhood!

The influx of traffic on E. Madison St., at the front of the facility, will also negatively affect the those who travel through this corridor westward to reach downtown Seattle, eastward to reach homes and shops in Madison Park, northward to enjoy the Arboretum and Japanese Gardens or to reach SR520, and southward to access Madrona, Leschi, Mt. Baker, and Seward Park.

Although a modest-sized grocery store would be welcome in our neighborhood, this facility is far too large and will have enormous affects on the region. Please consider these concerns when evaluating Project #3020338..

Sincerely,

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