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Hey there!

I live in Madrona, walking distance from Madison Valley. I spend a lot of time there, both recreationally in the arboretum, and commercially, at the local restaurants and merchants, as I commute through there on my bike twice a day, and spend my leisure time there on the weekends.

I have been taken aback by the tactics some of the community has used to oppose the PCC construction. I think they are being unfair, bullying other members of the community, and frankly, unrealistic in their goals.

I want to register my strong approval for the project. Seattle is growing, but we want to manage our growth. And, this block is exactly the sort of area where we should be driving growth to happen, so we don't see these big units sprawling through the rest of our neighborhoods.

When you pick a spot, there will always be a vocal minority that oppose it because of how it affects them personally, and they will try to spin their feedback as some sort of community opposition. The current members of the community are not being intellectually honest, and oppose this project simply because of their perception of how it affects the traffic and views from their particular homes.

This project will make this area a much more vibrant fun urban environment, and I sure would like to see projects like this happen, as opposed to unmanaged sprawl with Walmarts and 7-11's showing up everywhere.

When reviewing options, I would prefer the option that the community thinks does the best job tying in foot traffic between the rest of the block and the arboretum park. There will undoubtedly be more car traffic, but we should make sure no stretches of Madison look like the "back" of a building, we should make this stretch be very curb friendly.