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Dear Design Review Folks,

Thanks for the opportunity for letting me comment on this project.

We need to do more to share our city with more people. That means building taller buildings everywhere. Our current design framework for the city prioritizes multi family and multi use buildings on arterials. We need this type of housing everywhere with the option for corner stores everywhere. People need to be able to walk to basic amenities.

2925 E Madison St will include a grocery store for Madison Valley, as well as welcoming 77 new households to the area. As our city grows, having walkable communities with amenities, like grocery stores, will be critical to help us be resilient.

I attended a previous design review for this project and I am concerned by the fact that units are being removed from this project. I am concerned that the worries of existing neighbors are being prioritized over future residents during a housing and climate crisis.

A crisis demands sacrifice, and while I don't believe the "light, bulk and scale" concerns raised equal a huge sacrifice for existing residents, buildings like 2925 E Madison St are the least we should be doing to make our city more affordable and sustainable.

Trees, Traffic, Parking, Unit Mix

The concerns about trees, traffic, parking and unit mix have been addressed over and over. Drawing out this design review again really frustrates me and others who are advocating for a more affordable city. It is time to move this project forward. The delays translate into increased costs and that translates into a less affordable city. Slowing down design review during a housing and climate crisis and prioritizing the

aesthetics of folks who want as little change as possible in the face of a vast jobs to housing imbalance is not going to help. The sooner this project is built, the sooner the trees will mature, the traffic will adjust, and the sooner that Seattleites will have homes.

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