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Subject: In Support of Project #3020338, 2925 E Madison St, Seattle
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I am writing in support of the mixed use development at 2939 East Madison Street designed by Studio Meng-Strazzara.

I am an architect with my own small design and consulting office. My practice has focused on environmentally friendly, healthy and energy-efficient design for the last twenty-five years, and I am now known as a proponent of Passive House. All of these strategies are driven by a desire to make a better future. A future, particularly that responds equitably to climate change. Over the last ten years I have become more involved in the urban design and civic aspects of affordability, equity and climate change. I mention this only to suggest that I have some experience and knowledge to bring to bear on this project.

In and of itself, this project will help to mitigate climate change. It will allow 75 households to live in the city, where their carbon footprints will be reduced by half compared to similar households in the suburbs. By being adjacent to frequent transit, it will allow those households to ride the bus instead of driving. Looking at carbon emissions or carbon sinks site-specifically misses the point.

It is worth reiterating my earlier comment that building on this site will result in a *more* stable geotechnical condition than currently exists.

In addition to being a professional working in this area, I am also a renter and a single parent. This project is good for renters. It's good for single parents and the elderly who might like to remain in their community after a single-family home stops making sense for them or they can no longer afford it. It's good for families in Madison Valley who might like a place for their kids to live nearby after they move out of their single family house. It's good for teachers at the Valley School, caregivers at Bailey Boushay and employees of Planned Parenthood just up the hill.

I have followed this project through Early Design Guidance so far. The applicants have responded adroitly to community concerns in their development of the design, and have shown more of the project than would normally be required at this stage. The building will be a great addition to the neighborhood.

Please allow to advance to the Master Use Planning phase of the process.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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