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Subject: PROJECT 3020338

To whom it may concern:

I have lived in Madison Valley for 25 years and have seen our neighborhood blossom. This project as currently proposed is a giant step backward for our neighborhood. An appropriately sized project that fits into the size and scale of our neighborhood with a grocery store would be a plus. This project is a negative.

I have been looking out my upstairs window for 25 years and admiring a beautiful stand of mature trees that will be cut down as part of this project. I believe these trees are both beautiful, significant and part of the green belt along Madison Street which is connected to the arboretum and the Lake Washington Boulevard. The City has made a commitment to trying to increase our tree canopy across the city and it makes no sense to advocate for this policy while allowing a developer to keep a stand of beautiful trees.

Traffic along Madison is already a nightmare. Getting in and out of our neighborhood during rush hours taxes one's patience. Adding more traffic along Madison is problematic but the solution of having people enter the parking garage along Dewey is a very bad idea. This is a narrow street barely wider than an alley and adding traffic to it will make our neighborhood even more congested. Putting in a larger grocery store will exacerbate the traffic and parking problems. It is already difficult to find parking near my home and this inappropriately outsized project will make parking even more difficult.

I am not sure if you are talking about putting in steps up the backside of this project off of Dewey. This is another bad idea which should be rejected out of hand. It will encourage shoppers to park down below Madison in our neighborhood once again exacerbating parking and congestion.

The scale of the project does not fit with our neighborhood. It should be scaled down with a smaller grocery store with parking off of Madison not on Dewey.

Please listen to our thoughtful and legitimate concerns about our neighborhood and the unacceptable component of this project.

Our city government should respect the wants and needs of its residents and not merely those of out-of-state developers who are not concerned about the long-term livability of our city.

Thanks for your consideration of my concerns.

Mark M. McDermott