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Thank you for reading this comment letter and considering the following two points I would like to make.

This is a very difficult project – because of the topography (critical slope) and the placement (neighboring single-family homes). Even in the most creative and conscientious of hands it would be challenging. Unfortunately the developer has shown neither of those traits.

Although the method of calculating the allowable buildable height has been vetted and approved, I think we all recognize that it is in keeping with the letter, but not the spirit, of the law. I would ask SDCI to require that the building height be reduced, based upon the relevant Design Guidelines (CS2-B.1, CS2-C.2, CS2-D.11, CS2-D.4, CS1-C, CS2-B, CS2-D.3, and CS2-D.4

The mature urban canopy is contiguous with the Arboretum, the Mercer Madison Woods, and leads to the Harrison Ridge. It includes at least one exceptional tree and an exceptional grove. Seattle 2035 speaks to the importance of preserving just such green spaces, even as we build up our density. It is not appropriate or conscionable for this greenbelt to be removed and replaced with such a meager planting as is currently planned. I would ask SDCI to require that the entire canopy of 14,000 square feet be replaced, including some larger trees, with space for a multiple sizes of trees to grow—rather than just 5,000 square feet as the developer has proposed (and that only with small to medium trees). At no time has there been a good-faith effort to address the appropriate fate of this unique greenbelt.

Thank you for your attention to this project.

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