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I've lived in Seattle for 62 years. I grew up on Capitol Hill and spent many many summers coming down Madison Street to go to the beach at Madison Park. I was a friend of Peter Steinbrueck's mom years ago. I also worked for PCC back in the day when it was a real co-op. I remember Emmett Watson and think of him frequently when another old building is torn down for development. That is my street cred and the reason why I feel so strongly about this project.

We can't stop the growth in Seattle. We can't stop people from moving here. But when we build things that destroy the essence of a neighborhood like the trees on Madison Street; when we take away people's privacy that's the heart of their block like the garden patch; when we let developers who don't live anywhere near us determine the quality of our everyday life, we are giving up something we can never get again.

That project is based on PCC putting in a big store there. Like the store in Columbia City which has ruined that little neighborhood. They've become a greedy corporation. The people who owned City People became greedy and I know them, I supported that business for years and followed them in their growth. I understand they want to retire but this is not like selling your house and having it torn down to a developer. They won't be in the neighborhood after it's ruined.

The years after Kate died, a traumatic and sad event for us in Madison Valley that developers don't understand was followed by years of construction to fix the sewer system. Then the city had to redo it. That's the system this project would be built into. I'm not an engineer but really; that seems ridiculous.

This project is way too big for that spot. Despite what the architects say, there's no such thing as a cement wall looking nice, no matter how tall it is. I hope folks working on this project, many of you may be new to Seattle, understand it's ok to have green space that's not used for something like a grocery store, that it's really ok not to develop every little area just because somebody wants to pay for it. Again, we cannot get back what we have torn down and we cannot go back to being a small town but we can try to preserve what we have that makes this city good.

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