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BEFORE THE HEARING EXAMINER
FOR THE CITY OF SEATTLE WASHINGTON

In the matter of the application of

SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER
CHERRY HILL

for approval of a Major Institution Master
Plan for property located at 500 17th
Avenue

In the matter of the appeals of:

WASHINGTON COMMUNITY ACTION
NETWORK; 19TH AVE BLOCK WATCH;
CHERRY HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL;
SQUIRE PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL;
PATRICK ANGUS, et al.; and
CONCERNED NEIGHBORS OF SWEDISH
CHERRY HILL

From a SEPA Decision by the Director,
Department of Planning and Development

CF 311936

FILE NOS.

MUP-15-010 (W)

MUP 15-011 (W)

MUP 15-012(W)

MUP 15-013(W)

MUP 15-014(W)

MUP 15-015(W)

DPD # 3012953

DECLARATION OF DIXIE
MITCHELL

I, Dixie Mitchell, declare as follows:

1. I am a member of Washington CAN and I make this declaration based on my own
personal knowledge. I am over 21 years old.

2. I live at 927 21st Ave, Seattle, Washington. My house is approximately five

1 blocks from the Swedish Cherry Hill Medical Center. My neighborhood is residential and I can't
2 build anything nearly as tall on my property as what Swedish proposes to build on their site. If
3 they build what they are proposing, I will have to live with increased traffic, density, and height,
4 bulk and scale of these buildings that don't fit at all in my residential neighborhood. The parking
5 is already a major problem for me. Sometimes I can't leave my driveway because someone is
6 blocking my driveway. It is very hard to find parking in the neighborhood. The expansion of
7 Swedish will make that much worse.

9 3. I walk in my neighborhood, including by Swedish. I also frequently drive on the
10 streets adjacent to and near the site, such as East Cherry Street, James Street, and the numbered
11 avenues, 13th through 18th Avenue, 23rd Avenue, and other streets nearby. The traffic congestion
12 is very bad and will be much worse if Swedish is allowed to expand.

14 4. I was diagnosed with cancer and received treatment at Swedish. I have debt
15 outstanding to Swedish right now and they have made it harder than you can imagine for me to
16 receive help. I receive calls from collectors demanding payment and I have to choose between
17 buying food and paying my mortgage or paying their bills. I should get a check-up to make sure
18 my cancer is still in remission but I know that I cannot afford the bill. My husband had a stroke
19 and cancer, so now I help him with many of his daily living tasks, such as bathing. The added
20 stress of being harassed by bill collectors and avoiding the doctor out of fear of accruing more
21 medical debt makes it even harder to care for my family. I just want to keep my home, be able to
22 eat, and be able to get the health care and medicine that I need. But, it's an uphill battle and
23 Swedish is not making it easy for me.

25 5. I have filed an application for charity care three times and Swedish didn't respond
26 to any of them. When I call to figure out what's going on, they tell me that they did not get my

1 application. I have not been able to get any help from them with this bill and they certainly are
2 not making it easy to get the help I need.
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4 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the
5 foregoing is true and correct.

6 Dated this 14 day of May, 2015, at Seattle, Washington.
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10 DIXIE MITCHELL
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