BEFORE THE HEARING EXAMINER
CITY OF SEATTLE

In the Matter of the Appeals of **FRIENDS OF RAVENNA-COWEN and JENNIFER GODFREY** From A Decision Issued by the Director, Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development	Hearing Examiner File: **W-25-004, W-25-006** **SECOND PREHEARING ORDER**

A writ of review is issued in both W-25-004 & W-25-006, and the Office of the Seattle Hearing Examiner was directed as follows:

> (a) The Hearing Examiner's April 11, 2025, Order on Motion to Dismiss in consolidated Hearing Examiner File Nos. W-25-001 through W 25-006 is vacated to the extent it dismissed Friends of Ravenna-Cowen's administrative appeal, File No. W-25-004 and Jennifer Godfrey's administrative appeal, W-25-006. (b) **The Hearing Examiner shall, consistent with the Court of Appeals' June 1, 2026, decision in Friends of Ravenna-Cowen v. City of Seattle, 37 Wn.App. 2d 167 (2026), reinstate Hearing Examiner File Nos. W-25-004 only as it relates to Friends of Ravenna-Cowen, and W-25-006 (Jennifer Godfrey), confer with the parties, and establish an appropriate schedule for proceedings.**

(emphasis added)

A prehearing conference was held on October 8, 2026. Attending the conference were: Friends of Ravenna-Cowen represented by Chris Youtz, and Jennifer Godfrey represented by Toby Thaler and Eric Laschever (collectively herein "Appellants"); and the City of Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development ("Department"), represented by Liza Anderson and Laura Zippel. From that prehearing conference a prehearing order was issued with the case schedule on October 15, 2026.

On October 30, 2026 the parties filed a Stipulated Request for Stay "to allow time for Councilmember Lin to introduce legislation that would exempt the appeals from Ordinance No. 127477." The parties requested "a six-week stay from November 2 through December 14 to accommodate the legislative process, with the possibility of extensions if needed." To address the request a prehearing conference was held November 10, 2026. Participating in the prehearing conference were Chris Youtz for Friends of Ravenna-Cowen, Eric Laschever

for Jennifer Godfrey, and Liza Anderson for the Department. As a result of the prehearing conference the case schedule for this matter is as follows:

1. Prehearing motions (except motions concerning jurisdictional questions raised by Ordinance No. 127477) shall be filed with the Office of Hearing Examiner and a copy served on the other parties no later than 5:00 PM on November 30, 2026.

2. The response to any prehearing motion shall be filed and served no later than 5:00 PM on December 14, 2026.

3. The reply to any response shall be filed and served no later than 5:00 PM on December 21, 2026.

4. Department deadline to file and serve "core" documents from the record. In this matter this includes the EIS, DEIS, and other documents as identified by the Department. The Examiner requests that the Department provide a hard copy version of the EIS to the Examiner as a working copy in addition to the filed electronic copy for the record: December 7, 2026**.**

5. The parties are engaging in prehearing discovery on their own initiative, and will involve the Hearing Examiner only if necessary. The cutoff for all discovery is January 11, 2027. All discovery requests must be served and/or scheduled in order to allow responses to such requests to comply with this deadline.

6. Appellant deadline for filing and serving final witness list, final exhibit list, serving other parties an electronic copy of each of the exhibits listed on the exhibit list, and filing with the Office of Hearing Examiner an electronic copy of said exhibits: January 19, 2027.

7. Department deadline for filing and serving final witness list, final exhibit list, serving other parties an electronic copy of each of the exhibits listed on the exhibit list, and filing with the Office of Hearing Examiner an electronic copy of said exhibits: January 26, 2027.

8. Final exhibit and witness lists are filed with the Office of Hearing Examiner using the e-file system. Copies of exhibits are filed with the Office of Hearing Examiner in electronic form, unless requested otherwise by the Examiner. Electronic copies of exhibits must be filed with the Office of Hearing Examiner by email at: Hearing.Examiner@seattle.gov. Electronic copies of exhibits must be labeled numerically in the order identified in the exhibit list. Each exhibit should be submitted as an individual Word or .pdf document, and each document must be saved with a brief and accurate descriptive title (no more than 1-3 words) to identify the document for other users. Parties are not

required to provide copies of an exhibit to another party if the other party is known to possess a copy of the exhibit.

9. Final witness lists must include the names of witnesses, a summary of their expected testimony, and an estimate of time that will be dedicated to direct examination of the witness. If a witness will be testifying as an expert, a statement of qualifications must be included with the witness list. Except for purposes of impeachment, only those witnesses and exhibits listed by the parties in final witness and exhibit lists may be offered at the hearing.

10. The parties will meet service requirements by electronic service.

11. Unless otherwise stated, deadlines are no later than 5:00 PM.

12. The hearing in this matter is scheduled to be held on **Monday, February 8, 2027**, beginning at **9:00 AM** at the Office of Hearing Examiner, Hearing Room 4000, 700 Fifth Avenue, (Seattle Municipal Tower, 40th Floor) Seattle, Washington. In addition to this initial hearing date, February 9, 10, 18, 19, 25, and 26, and March 15, 16, and 17 have been reserved on the hearing calendar for continuation of the hearing.

Information about appeal hearings, including the *Hearing Examiner Rules of Practice and Procedure*, and a *Public Guide to Appeals and Hearings Before the Hearing Examiner*, is available on the Hearing Examiner's website, www.seattle.gov/examiner.

Entered November 13, 2026.

__/s/Ryan Vancil__
Ryan Vancil, Hearing Examiner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that on this date I sent true and correct copies of the attached **NOTICE OF SECOND PREHEARING CONFERENCE** to each person listed below in the matter of **FRIENDS OF RAVENNA-COWEN, et al.** Hearing Examiner File: **W-25-004 & W-25-006** in the manner indicated.

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Dated: November 13, 2026.

/s/Angela Oberhansly
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