

BEFORE THE HEARING EXAMINER FOR THE CITY OF SEATTLE

In the Matter of the Appeal of
CITIZENS FOR LIVABILITY IN BALLARD

From a decision by the Director, Office of Planning and Community Development,
Regarding the adequacy of a Final Environmental Impact Statement

Hearing Examiner File:
W-16-003

Declaration of Steven M. Cohn

I, Steven M. Cohn, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, that the following is true and correct.

- 1) I am over the age of 18, a member of "Citizens for Livability in Ballard" and make this statement in support of our appeal.
- 2) I was a longtime city planner, employed by the cities of Bellevue and Shoreline for a total of 33 years. My major area of expertise was developing, analyzing, and implementing Comprehensive Plans. After retiring from Shoreline, I was a planning consultant for two years, working in other local jurisdictions as well as for Sound Transit. In addition, I have served on the Puget Sound Regional Council's Land Use Technical Advisory Committee for several years. The Committee focuses on forecasting population, housing, and job growth in the Puget Sound region.
- 3) I commented during the prescribed EIS comment period, and the "Citizens for Livability in Ballard" group represents my interests.
- 4) As a Seattle resident who lives in Ballard and travels throughout Seattle, I believe that if the Comprehensive Plan policies addressed in the EIS in its current form are implemented (i.e., without additional analysis or mitigation), negative impacts to my quality of life will occur in the form of increased traffic and congestion, loss of parking in areas I frequent, and reduction or impairment of public services including schools and parks.

Dated this 18th day of July, 2016


Steven M. Cohn