

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


I, Kirk W. Robbins, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, that the follow 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) In addition, I am a homeowner and have lived in southeast Ballard in an L-1 zone, immediately east and north of the Ballard-Interbay Manufacturing and Industrial Center (BINMIC), particularly and popularly known as the Ballard Brewery District. My home and others nearby are mapped for inclusion into an expanded Ballard Hub Urban Village.
- 3) Concern about impact on Traffic -- Congestion worsens in Ballard as growth targets in Ballard are exponentially exceeded. The impacts of traffic include air pollution and water pollution (runoff of settled particulates). Although the City's growth management strategies have been inadequate to provide concurrency in traffic, surface water management, open space and other essential aspects of urban life, one can acknowledge that metrics have been provided by which the citizenry can evaluate and hold accountable their government. But the City proposes to abandon the official status of its growth and traffic metrics.
- 4) Concerns about Parking – The proposed expansion of the Ballard Hub Urban Village to include my home will intentionally degrade parking availability. Inadequate parking is a source of air and water pollution as cars drive around looking for a parking space. The City sets parking meter charges to reduce this. But by creating artificial parking shortages by eliminating all parking requirements around my home, more drivers will search for parking by driving. According to proposed maps in the EIS the area around my home will have no parking requirements whatsoever due to a dubious proximity ("walkshed") to some bus stops.

Idling Engines Pollute. These words are conspicuous on signs on the Ballard Bridge and other bridges operated by the City, It is equally true for cars idling at intersections with Level Of Service (LOS) F – the lowest designation. The City proposes to ignore level of service concerns in its non-management of intersection service levels. The City cannot disregard this self-inflicted rebuke to its indifference to the environmental impacts of its degradation of traffic conditions in my neighborhood.

Dated this 17th Day of July, 2016

/s/ Kirk W. Robbins

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk W. Robbins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "K".