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BEFORE THE HEARING EXAMINER  
OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE

In the Matter of the Appeal of  
PROTECT VOLUNTEER PARK.,  
of a Determination of Non-Significance  
Certificate of Approval issued by the  
Department of Construction and  
Inspections for Construction in Volunteer  
Park

Hearing Examiner File: MUP 17-015  
Department Reference: 3024753  
  
DECLARATION OF VIRGINIA  
ALLEMANN

I, VIRGINIA ALLEMANN, declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of the City of Seattle, Washington and a member of Protect Volunteer Park. I live in the vicinity of Volunteer Park. I am over the age of 18 years and am competent to testify herein. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge.
2. I visit Volunteer Park on average twice a week. The area of the park where this expansion is planned is where my family plays hide and seek, where we have gone sledding with nieces, where we have admired the dahlia garden in peace, where we play frisbee on the grass, and where I pass through on my run one or two times a week.

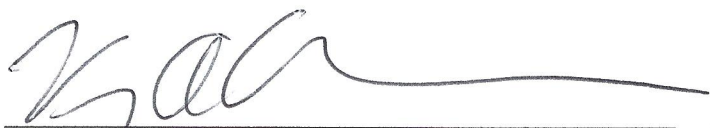
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3. The existing building (SAAM) does not assert itself into our business of enjoying the gardens and park's natural feel as much as the new structure would. With the new structure, we would have less space and a huge glass wall lording over us. Our ability to enjoy the park will be significantly reduced if this project is built.

4. I value parks and open space. I value museums. But open space is far more precious in our increasingly urban environment and our elected officials need to understand how important green park land is. We should be able to enjoy parks, for taking in nature, a breath of fresh air, beauty, without concern for the next time the art museum thinks it needs to add on. This is not their land. It is the public's land. We want to continue to use it and enjoy it without the damage such an expansion would cause to the surrounding trees, and to the calm and natural feel of this place.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 11 day of May, 2017, at Seattle, Washington.

  
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VIRGINIA ALLEMANN