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BEFORE THE HEARING EXAMINER
FOR THE CITY OF SEATTLE

In the Matter of the Appeals of
**WALLINGFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL, ET
AL.,**

of the City of Seattle Citywide Implementation of
Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) Final
Environmental Impact Statement,

Hearing Examiner Consolidated File:
W-17-006 through
W-17-014

DECLARATION OF TALIS ABOLINS IN
SUPPORT OF FNR’S MOTION FOR
SUMMARY JUDGMENT

(Appellant in No. W-17-014)

I, Talis Abolins, do certify and declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen years old. I make this statement upon my personal knowledge.
2. I have been involved in advocacy to bridge Southeast Seattle’s worst open space gap for several years. That open space gap exists in the heart of the North Rainier Urban Village.
3. Attached as Exhibit A is a photo of a play area for the Hao Mai Bilingual Vietnamese Preschool. This play area is attached to the Mount Baker Lofts, affordable housing development, which is co-located with the preschool. This small play area is only a matter of yards from busy Rainier Avenue South.

- 1 4. Attached as Exhibit B are preliminary Park Designs for the North Rainier Town Center
2 Park. These renderings were created in collaboration with representatives of: (1) City of
3 Seattle Parks and Recreation; (2) City of Seattle Department of Transportation; (3) Seattle
4 Parks Foundation; (4) Friends of Seattle Olmsted Parks; (5) Friends of Mount Baker
5 Town Center; and others. The effort was pursued in good faith, with the use of nonprofit
6 funding and countless hours of engagement. Those involved worked productively and
7 optimistically towards the goal of providing a badly needed level of livability to the core
8 area of the North Rainier Urban Village. SDOT provided base layers for a future project.
- 9 5. Community optimism about the proposed park continued for some time. Meetings were
10 held at the Hao Mai Bilingual Vietnamese Preschool to discuss, among other things, how
11 this proposal would allow the children of the preschool and the affordable Mount Baker
12 Lofts to have a healthy play area beyond the black metal caged play areas of the school,
13 which were small and impacted by noise and pollution from the adjacent Rainier Avenue.

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

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17 DATED this 11th day of May, 2018 in Seattle, Washington.

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20 Talis Abolins, Friends of North Rainier
21 Neighborhood Plan

1 **Declaration of Service**

2 Talis Abolins declares that on the 11th day of May, 2018, I filed with the Hearing Examiner
3 and delivered by email as allowed by the Second pre-hearing order of February 16, 2018, the
4 Declaration of Talis Abolins to the following email addresses:
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing information is true and correct.

DATED this 11th day of May, 2018, at Seattle, Washington.

/S/ Talis Abolins

Talis Abolins, Friends of North Rainier Neighborhood Plan





MOUNT BAKER OPEN SPACE

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH

■ POTENTIAL BUILDOUT UNDER OVERLAY DISTRICT ZONING