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I am writing to echo public comments already received regarding the new 256-unit project proposed at 12548 Lake City Way NE regarding the importance of the midblock pedestrian connection and activating the facade on 33rd Ave NE in this location.

The existing conditions are a long block between NE 125th Street and NE 130th St with no midblock connections between 33rd Ave NE and Lake City Way. As this project is adjacent to potential future developments (e.g. 12558 Lake City Way NE site, 3033911-EG), if there are opportunities to coordinate the connection with one of these projects, it would potentially be a great asset to the neighborhood.

With many existing pedestrian access paths off of Lake City Way are narrow, dark, or behind gates that lock in the evenings it is important to put enough thought into creating a lively and safe pedestrian connection at this site which would not bear resemblance to these other examples. I want to emphasize that the midblock connection between Lake City Way NE and 33rd Ave NE at this site should be wide, well-lit, have attractive building facades and landscaping, and clear sightlines. Additionally there may be ways to incorporate community-led art in this space through the Enjoy Lake City mural program or with the students and artists at Coyote North.

I also want to emphasize this project treat the frontage along 33rd Ave NE with appropriate high quality materials, landscaping, and a residential or otherwise activated facade. Many newer buildings along 33rd Ave NE treat this street as if it were an alley, with only back-of-house functions. I hope this project is able to provide a more inviting streetscape along 33rd Ave NE, just as it will along Lake City Way.

Thank you,
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Lake City area neighbor & resident