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Subject: Wayne Apartments, 3033991-LU

CAUTION: External Email

Mayor Durkan, Council Member Strauss, Director Torgelson, Director Mantilla,

The Wayne Apartments at 2224 Second Avenue, a designated City of Seattle Landmark, will soon be demolished for new development. Please support SDCI's Joseph Hurley and DON's Sarah Sodt in requiring the developer to fully comply with the Seattle Municipal Code before permits can be issued.

Even when the owner is unable to make reasonable economic use of a Landmark (SMC 25.12.580), it is a requirement of the Code and in the public interest that demolition of the Landmark be delayed until the owner is ready and able to proceed with a replacement use and that the Landmark be recorded and documented prior to demolition. These requirements of SMC 25.12.835 are, in the very words of the code, "a modest additional burden on an owner" but nonetheless "reasonable given the substantial benefit that all citizens, including the owner, derive from the presence of Landmarks within the City."

Before approving master use, demolition, and construction permits for this project, please ensure that all applicable codes and regulations are followed. Please do not be selective in enforcement of the Seattle Municipal Code, as the City was in approving demolition of the landmarked Galbraith and Sullivan houses, by issuing a demolition permit for this Landmark while ignoring requirements of SMC 25.12.835 and SMC 23.40.008 for issuance of a certificate of approval, recording and documenting the landmark, issuance of a master use permit, and demonstration of financing.

Seattle's history belongs to every citizen. If economics in our booming city do not allow our Landmarks to be preserved, then let's at least record and document them before they disappear forever.

Sincerely,
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