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Subject: Proposed East Seattle Subdivision
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Dear Mss. Davis, Proebsting and Van Gorp,
I would like to thank The City for communicating to Islanders the plans for the East Seattle residential development. Following are some brief comments.

My husband and I moved to MI in 1990 and into the home we built on First Hill in 1991. We raised our children on MI and are now "empty nesters". We continue to enjoy our easy access to both walking and freeway options but are interested in finding a more manageable, meaning smaller, home and property on MI.

As you know we have seen significant change in the First Hill neighborhood with the tear down of smaller/rebuild huge homes phenomenon. We are now known, in only a partially joking way, as the JayMarc neighborhood. There has been no effort to diversify the style or size of any of the new homes.

The proposed development, one I assume at this late stage is now set in concrete, is for yet more single family, two story homes, albeit at lots of 8,400SF the homes might be "smaller" than is presently the case in other MI neighborhoods. In allowing this development on such a large parcel of land, a scarce resource on MI, The City is, again, missing the opportunity to create a diversified mix of housing options for MI residents.

There is a significant aging population on MI that would like to downsize but that find few to no options for that on MI. They are not yet interested in being placed in a retirement community. Nor so they want the confines of either an apartment or condominium (with complicating HOA politics). Those of us looking to downsize would like to stay on MI for its sense of community, multiple green spaces, public access to Lake Washington, and convenient location to Seattle, other suburbs, the mountains as well as medical care and shopping options.

We agree with a comment posted on the information site for this project: "Please also encourage the developer to build smaller homes perhaps a few one story accessible homes to meet the demographic that needs this style of home. Please consider incentives in the future that will encourage developers to build smaller one story homes."

We would add to that comment: Please consider easing restrictions for building ADUs (either above garages or as small cottages) on existing MI lots. ADUS are minimal impact housing options that could easily help MI

owners reside for a longer period in their homes by adding a feature where a caregiver and/or maintenance provider could reside on site. In addition it could be a more affordable option for those seeking a smaller space for living on MI.

Separate from the aging population on MI are families that may not want to deal with huge expanses of single family homes. Smaller families, those with single parents or single people are likely all to want different housing options. We are a more diverse community than developers seem to recognize. It would be nice to have that diversity met with more creative housing options, ones that include a sense of "neighborliness, by flowing towards each other rather than being sited on sterile, parallel lots with 6 foot fences that enclose each plot into an island of its own.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views on this development and the direction of development on MI.

Sincerely,

Anne & Jon Fox