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Hello,

I hope this finds you well. I am emailing in regards to project 3035904-EG, the construction of a new 8 story high rise building on 101 Roy Street in Lower Queen Anne. I live down the block from it on Roy Street, facing the Chandler Apartments (next door to the proposed project). While I don't claim that the current parking lot adds much aesthetic charm, I do not think the addition of an 8 story building surrounded by 4 stories maximum will unify the neighborhood whatsoever.

I have worked at the Pacific Science Center for several years (until the covid closure and layoffs, that is) and have come to value Lower Queen Anne's vintage apartments and historic sites. Not many other places in the city look like this - urban and historic and relatively low - because of the Space Needle height restrictions. This apartment building would tower over every building in nearby blocks, including cultural centers such as On the Boards. Why? So a brand new building can be put in that likely raises rents in an area that is already too expensive, making parking harder and biking and walking more dangerous among drivers clogging residential streets?

The buildings around the proposed site are literally half as high. How many years will it take to construct an 8 story tower that completely blocks out the sunlight for the two blocks north of it? How insanely bad will traffic become during construction, especially considering the proposed construction two blocks east on Queen Anne Ave and Roy? At this point all neighbors will be subjected to years and years of nuisance noise, revoked access to sunlight, and construction pollution. Might as well be time to move out of the city entirely at this point if you want a good night's sleep.

I urge you to reconsider the design of this building, especially considering the endless construction going on around it already.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Natalie